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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 62.9 degrees, 0.8 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, September 23. Precipitation averaged 0.80 inches, this is 0.12 inches more than the historic level. The Northwest district received the most precipitation with 1.72 inches, while the South Central district received the least at 0.33 inches. Growing degree days were 17 days below normal.

Reporters rated 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, September 21. This is 0.9 days less than last year and 0.8 days less than the 1996-00 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 9 percent very short, 22 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Days Suitable			
	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2001	4.6	5.6	118.3
2000	5.5	4.0	108.2
1996-2000 Average	5.4	5.6	119.3

Topsoil Moisture				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	9	22	60	9
Last Week	12	26	60	2
Same Week Last Year	2	6	87	5
1996-2000 Average	15	21	58	6

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Reporters estimated that 92 percent of the **Corn** crop is dented. This is one day behind last year but four days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The corn crop is 39 percent mature. This is two days behind last year but one day ahead of the 1996-00 average. Corn harvested for silage is 70 percent complete. This is five days ahead of last year and 15 days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Three percent of the corn crop has been harvested for grain. This is the same as last year but 5 days behind the 1996-00 average. Seventy-nine percent of the **Soybean** crop is dropping leaves. This is four days ahead of last year and about seven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Soybeans are 33 percent mature. This is two

days ahead of last year. Seven percent of the soybeans have been harvested. This is three days ahead of last year but one day behind the 1996-00 average. **Alfalfa hay** third cutting is 96 percent complete. This is two days ahead of last year and seven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. Alfalfa hay fourth cutting is 54 percent complete. This is two days ahead of last year. **Other Hay** third cutting is 81 percent complete. This is eight days ahead of last year and seven days ahead of the 1996-00 average. The **Tobacco** crop is 82 percent harvested. This is two days behind last year. The **Winter Wheat** crop is two percent planted. This is on schedule with last year but one day behind the 1996-00 average. **Potatoes** are 77 percent harvested. This is 14 days behind last year but nine days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Cucumbers** are 95 percent harvested. This is six days behind last year. **Processing Tomatoes** are 77 percent harvested. This is one day behind last year but four days ahead of the 1996-00 average. **Fall and Winter apples** are 33 percent harvested. This is four days behind last year. **Grapes** are 45 percent harvested. This is seven days behind last year.

Activities throughout the state include plowing, mowing ditches, waterway construction and preparation, spreading lime and fertilizer, baling hay, repairing equipment, hauling grain and manure, cutting tobacco, picking apples, peaches, and grapes, harvesting corn silage, starting soybean harvesting including tofu soybeans in Union County, winter wheat planting, cucumber, potatoes, and other vegetables harvesting continues. Attending Farm Science Review and county fairs.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

The rainfall the past week was well needed for field crops. In some areas corn plants are drying out rapidly. Corn and soybean harvesting has been delayed due to the rainfall during the week. Reported insects included soybean aphids, ladybugs, spittle bugs, horse flies, face flies, deer flies, mosquitoes, spider mites, leaf hoppers, and Japanese beetles. Reported weed problems include crabgrass, giant ragweeds, purslane, Golden Rod, lambs quarter, thistles, and mares tail. Fruit and vegetable crops were reported in good to excellent condition throughout the state.

Reporters rated 46 percent of the pastures in good to excellent condition. The corn crop is 57 percent in good to excellent condition. Soybeans are rated 59 percent in good to excellent condition.

Livestock were reported in mostly good condition. The cooler temperatures and low humidity the past few weeks has helped with the livestock stress throughout the state.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Crop	2001	2000	1996-00 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	96	94	93	94	NA
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	54	51	NA	42	NA
Corn dented	92	93	88	86	90
Corn harvested for silage	70	61	42	52	NA
Corn harvested for grain	3	3	5	1	9
Corn mature	39	42	38	26	46
Cucumbers harvested	95	100	NA	89	NA
Fall and Winter apples harvested	33	43	34	19	NA
Grapes harvested	45	53	NA	40	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	81	73	75	78	NA
Potatoes harvested	77	87	64	64	NA
Processing Tomatoes harvested	77	79	71	68	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	79	72	65	66	40
Soybeans mature	33	30	NA	19	NA
Soybeans harvested	7	4	8	3	3
Tobacco harvested	82	85	NA	61	NA
Winter Wheat planted	2	2	3	1	19

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	10	28	44	13
Previous Week	4	10	32	42	12
Previous Year	1	5	22	48	24
HAY					
Current Week	2	10	36	42	10
Previous Week	2	10	35	43	10
Previous Year	0	3	20	60	17
PASTURE					
Current Week	5	15	34	38	8
Previous Week	5	18	35	34	8
Previous Year	1	4	23	59	13
SOYBEANS					
Current Week	3	10	28	44	15
Previous Week	3	10	32	42	13
Previous Year	3	9	27	45	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr. 1	Dev.
Northwest	62.7	-0.3	1.72	0.98	21.54	1.92	91	-8	2963	153
North Central	62.6	-0.4	1.14	0.32	17.39	-2.91	83	-15	2908	143
Northeast	62.2	0.2	0.73	-0.15	15.01	-5.80	82	-12	2688	66
West Central	63.3	-0.4	1.08	0.46	26.45	5.62	88	-16	3089	174
Central	62.9	-1.2	0.63	0.07	21.82	0.08	85	-21	3102	153
Central Hills	62.1	-0.6	0.76	0.09	18.99	-2.55	80	-18	2840	105
Northeast Hills	62.3	-0.8	0.53	-0.14	17.95	-3.41	83	-17	2833	50
Southwest	63.4	-1.6	0.70	0.07	26.46	4.31	90	-20	3225	128
South Central	63.9	-1.4	0.33	-0.35	22.47	0.79	91	-21	3259	135
Southeast	63.0	-1.1	0.40	-0.24	21.49	-0.30	87	-19	3028	78
STATE	62.9	-0.8	0.80	0.12	21.28	0.08	86	-17	3010	120

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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